

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

RENO MAY ET AL,

Plaintiff/s,

v.

ROBERT BONTA ET AL,

Defendant/s.

Case No.: 8:23-cv-01696-MRA (ADSx)

REASSIGNMENT ORDER

Pursuant to the Order of the Chief Judge, this case has been reassigned to the calendar of the Honorable Mónica Ramírez Almadani. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

1 1. All counsel shall familiarize themselves with the Federal Rules of Civil
2 Procedure, the Local Rules of the Central District of California, and all applicable
3 standing orders.¹ “Counsel,” as used in this order, includes parties appearing *pro se*.

4 2. This Court does not exempt parties appearing *pro se* from compliance
5 with any of the Local Rules, including Local Rules 16 and 7-3.

6 3. All matters previously referred to a magistrate judge shall remain before
7 that magistrate judge.

8 4. Cases previously referred to an Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”)
9 process shall proceed under the terms of the applicable ADR local rules. Dates for
10 previously scheduled ADR conferences shall remain in effect.

11 5. All discovery cutoff dates and other deadlines associated with this case,
12 such as disclosure and expert deadlines, shall remain in effect.

13 6. Except for matters noticed before a magistrate judge, all currently
14 pending law and motion hearing dates are vacated. However, the opposition and reply
15 deadlines will remain based on the previously noticed hearing date or scheduling
16 order. Unless otherwise ordered, the motion will be taken under submission without
17 oral argument when briefing is complete.

18 7. All previously scheduled scheduling conferences are vacated. However,
19 the deadline to file the parties’ Joint Report pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
20 Procedure 26(f) will remain based on the previously scheduled scheduling conference.
21 In addition, the parties may file a joint statement no later than seven (7) days from the
22 date of this Order or with their Rule 26 Joint Report, whichever is earlier, stating (a)
23 whether any party would like the Court to hold a telephonic scheduling conference
24 hearing; and (b) if so, what issues they seek to have resolved at the hearing. If the
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26 ¹ The Local Rules are available on the Central District of California website at
27 www.cacd.uscourts.gov and Judge Ramírez Almadani’s procedures and standing
28 orders are available at <http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/honorable-mónica-ramírez-almadani>.

1 parties do not file a joint statement requesting a conference, the Court will likely issue
2 a scheduling order without a hearing.

3 8. All pretrial conferences and trial dates currently set for dates earlier than
4 August 26, 2024, are **vacated**.

5 9. All pretrial conferences and trial dates currently set for August 26, 2024,
6 or thereafter, as well as other deadlines associated with the case, shall remain in effect.

7 10. Each party is expected to review and become familiar with all applicable
8 standing orders, which are posted on the Court's website.

9 11. The parties shall file a Joint Case Management Statement **within fifteen**
10 **(15) days of the date of this Order**. Separate statements are appropriate if any party
11 is proceeding without counsel. The statement should not exceed 10 pages in length,
12 should not contain attachments, and should address the following items in the
13 following order:

- 14 a. The date the case was filed;
- 15 b. A list identifying or describing each party;
- 16 c. A brief summary of all claims, counter-claims, cross-claims, or
17 third-party claims;
- 18 d. A brief description of the events underlying the action;
- 19 e. A description of the relief sought and the damages claimed with an
20 explanation of how damages have been (or will be) computed;
- 21 f. The status of discovery, including any significant discovery
22 management issues, as well the applicable cut-off dates;
- 23 g. A procedural history of the case, including any previous motions
24 that were decided or submitted, any ADR proceedings or settlement
25 conferences that have been scheduled or concluded, and any appellate
26 proceedings that are pending or concluded;
- 27 h. A description of any other deadlines in place before reassignment;
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1 i. Whether the parties will consent to a magistrate judge for trial²;

2 j. A statement from each parties' counsel indicating they have (1)
3 discussed the magistrate judge consent program with their respective client(s),
4 and (2) met and conferred to discuss the consent program and selection of a
5 magistrate judge; and

6 12. If the parties wish to continue any pretrial dates or deadlines, they must
7 file a joint stipulation or motion requesting a modification of the scheduling order.
8 Any request for a continuance must be serially numbered to differentiate it from
9 previous requests and supported by a declaration that contains a detailed factual
10 showing of good cause and due diligence demonstrating the necessity for the
11 continuance and a description of the parties' efforts taken to advance the litigation.
12 General statements are insufficient to establish good cause, and the fact that the case
13 was recently reassigned to Judge Ramírez Almadani is also insufficient.

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15 The Court thanks the parties and their counsel for their anticipated cooperation
16 in complying with these requirements.

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18 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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21 Dated: June 12, 2024



22 HON. MÓNICA RAMÍREZ ALMADANI
23 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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26 ² Under 28 U.S.C. § 636, the parties may consent to have a magistrate judge
27 preside over all proceedings, including trial. The magistrate judges who accept those
28 designations are identified on the Central District's website at
[http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/judges-requirements/court-programs/voluntary-consent-](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/judges-requirements/court-programs/voluntary-consent-magistrate-judges)
magistrate-judges, which also contains a link to the consent form CV-11D.